

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of maintaining and selling software capable of maintaining the software without depending upon a designer of a software component when improvements in the software is required. In the method, improved sources are widely invited from a user, by laying open on a network a sales information such as a specification of the component and an agreement information such as conditions of an agreement or the like. Appropriately improved source is then selected from among applied improved sources and is incorporated in the software to be executed.